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Summer Workshops

Presented by the Dudley Knox Library & Graduate Writing Center
July 2023

From Dudley Knox Library:

Library Quick Start
Develop research skills and learn how to use library search, databases, research guides, Google Scholar, and more!

Thesis Quick Start
Time to begin your thesis? Not sure how to start? This workshop covers academic research in general, as well as some NPS specifics.

Citation Management with Zotero
Save time and improve note-taking by learning Zotero, a free tool that helps you collect, manage, and format your references.

Perfecting Paper Structure:

What (Nearly) Every Academic Paper Needs
What are the building blocks that make academic papers fit together? You’ll learn about intros, conclusions, thesis statements, roadmaps, research questions, hypotheses, abstracts, citation styles, and more.

Organization: The Secret to Academic Writing
Discover basic techniques that produce readable papers—introductions, topic sentences, and embedded structure in language—and effective tools for composition.

Writing Essentials & Revision:

Writing Essentials: Strong Sentences
Inspired by Strunk and White’s *The Elements of Style*, learn essential elements of academic writing, such as thesis statements, topic sentences, and paragraph structure.

Writing Essentials: Grammar
Review common grammar errors writers make and learn how to avoid them. Topics include subject-verb agreement, relative clauses, pronoun agreement, and more.

Writing Essentials: Punctuation
Learn about the common punctuation marks in graduate writing, from em dashes to Oxford commas, and how punctuation can connect ideas, convey tone, and clarify meaning.

Writing Essentials: Clarity & Concision
Strip away the fluff and get to the BLUF! Clarity and concision techniques can transform an overly complicated draft into a cleanly written final version.

Strategies for Active-Voice Writing
Passive voice, a common stylistic blunder, can be tricky to fix. Learn how to transform passive voice into active voice, and identify situations when passive voice might be best.

Register online: nps.edu/web/gwc/live-workshops
Summer Workshops

Grad School Skills:
Strategic Reading I & II
In this popular workshop series, practice Professor Zachary Shore’s method of reading at the graduate level. Learn techniques to quickly examine and analyze texts. Sessions are targeted to STEM or social Science students.

Think before You Write: Pre-writing & Planning Techniques
Explore critical work you can do before you start stringing sentences together. Lean into your individual strengths and develop a personalized approach to generate, clarify, and organize your ideas.

Mastering Note-Taking & Time Management
Learn and practice winning techniques for studying more effectively, taking useful notes, preparing for exams, and performing better during tests.

Using Sources in Your Work:
Mastering the Literature Review
This workshop introduces how literature reviews, a required component of most theses, are constructed, and how you can use yours to justify your research.

Paraphrasing & Quoting Like a Pro
Confidently incorporate others’ words, ideas, analyses, models, and images into your writing through quoting, summarizing, and paraphrasing.

Inquiry and Argument:
Writing Persuasively: Logic, Evidence, and Style
This workshop exposes the expert moves behind stealthy persuasion. Learn how to logically organize a strong central argument, incorporate evidence, and convince your readers to trust your conclusions.

My Glory Never Dies: Military in Literature, Film, and Onstage
This critical thinking series explores the ancient concepts of courage, honor, and military glory through classic stories that have influenced Western culture and military policy.

...and more!
Illustrating Your Thesis with Tables and Figures
Master the art of knowing when and how various kinds of graphics—diagrams, graphs, photographs, tables—can clarify a process for the reader or illustrate an argument.

Technical Writing
Learn the skills needed to write clear technical reports and theses. Together, you'll dissect a well-written report, and determine what makes it effective.

LaTeX Crash Course for Student Research
Do you want to leave the formatting woes of Microsoft Word behind? In one hour we will introduce you to the fundamentals of LaTeX so you can start using it immediately.

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CRITICAL THINKING WORKSHOPS

"thought-provoking!"
★★★★★

"wildly entertaining"
★★★★★

"tough thinking"
★★★★★

"meaningful dialogue"
★★★★★

Four 3-hour workshops, July 20–Aug 10
Thursdays 1600–1900
** In person ** in Glasgow Hall 122

Space is limited! Enroll at https://nps.edu/web/gwc

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Hone Your Critical Thinking Skills
Students, Faculty and Staff Welcome
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WRITING COACHING
DROP-IN HOURS

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M–F · 1200–1300

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First come, first served.

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Set and meet writing goals.
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Join and support your peers.

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THINKING OF DOING
HUMAN SUBJECTS RESEARCH?

START BY SPEAKING WITH THE
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focus groups  questionnaires
surveys        interviews
human data    behavior

nps.edu/web/research/irb-home
Lifestyle Factors:
Many factors in your life play a role in the learning process, such as your health and fitness, ability to relax, and sleep patterns. This page provides resources that will help you maximize your lifestyle in support of your educational goals.

● Physical and Mental Health ● Sleep ● Relaxation ● Play for Rejuvenation ● Healthy Relationships ● Support Networks

Back to School:
Nearly everyone who has been out of school for more than a few years can benefit from a basic skills refresher. This page lists resources to help you get on your feet quickly, whether you are a resident, international, or distance-learning student.

Vital Skills for Academic Success:
● Critical Thinking ● Note-taking ● Presentation Skills ● Active Reading ● Test-Taking ● Time Management

nps.edu/web/gwc/learning-tools
Learning Tools

Research Refresher:
Most students are expected to conduct research: to collect and analyze information in order to answer a question, support an argument, and test a hypothesis. This complex, multi-step process will be less intimidating if you make research design choices that lead to more efficient work and meaningful findings. The tools here also help you get up to speed on terminology you will see in your readings.

- Library Navigation
- Research Terminology
- Group Study and Writing

Learning Styles:
Learning styles categorize the different ways that people learn. Culture, environment, and purpose can also affect the learning process. Use knowledge of learning styles to develop study habits that optimize your strengths, and challenge yourself to experience different styles of learning, giving yourself more tools.

- Military Language
- English Language Learner Resources

Special Needs & Reasonable Accommodation:
NPS is committed to assisting all students' efforts to achieve academic success. Students with disabilities—whether temporary or permanent, visible or invisible—can receive a variety of services to adjust or enhance traditional teaching and testing.

NPS Program Officers coordinate services between faculty, staff, and students in an effort to offset circumstances that may negatively impact a student’s academic performance. At all points in the process, your private information is restricted solely to staff and faculty on a need-to-know basis.

What Are Reasonable Accommodations?
A reasonable accommodation is an adjustment or change to the environment that provides a student with an equal opportunity to learn and allows the individual to meaningfully participate in class activities.

Requesting Reasonable Accommodations at NPS
It is up to you to confidentially discuss your challenges and explore accommodations with NPS personnel. NPS is committed to making the process simple, fast, and discreet. Review the information on this website, then contact your program officer to get started.

nps.edu/web/gwc/learning-tools
Discover the GWC’s Student Publishing Portal

https://nps.edu/web/gwc/publishing

Academic publishing overview
Calls for papers
Publication outlets
Military creative writing outlets
Conference papers and presentations
NPS students' published works

We also help students set publishing goals through our pre-submission coaching and two publishing workshops:

Writing for Online Outlets
Writing for Academic Journals
FOUNDATIONS OF ACADEMIC WRITING

Learn about expectations and gain grad school survival skills in this 4-part presentation

Friday, 7 July, 12:00–14:00 Pacific

Part 1: Introduction to Graduate School Research & Writing

Part 2: Plagiarism Prevention

Part 3: The Writing Process

Part 4: Going Straight to the Source: Human Subjects Data

King Hall
Zoom Webinar for DL

MANDATORY FOR ALL NEW STUDENTS